

Dear FCC:

Sinclair Broadcasting Group should not be permitted to make its stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Given the close ties of "documentary" film-maker Carlton Sherwood to Bush cabinet member Tom Ridge and the patent bias of "Stolen Honor," its broadcast clearly constitutes campaigning for President Bush. As a result, unless Sinclair's stations immediately provide equal airtime to the Kerry campaign, Sinclair is in violation of the equal opportunity provision of the Communications Act.

FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief David Solomon has said that "significant violations" of the Communications Act or FCC rules and policies would lead to "significant sanctions." The airing of this Kerry slam piece would be an egregious violation of the Act. If the Sinclair Broadcasting Group is permitted to commit this heinous violation of the public trust, the FCC's sanctions must extend to revocation of Sinclair's license.

Sinclair's use of the public airwaves to promote its political agenda is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.